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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: MOBUTU ORDERS STANDDOWN
ZAIRIAN FORCES

WHEN I SAW PRESIDENT MOBUTU THIS EVENING (JUNE 25) HE SAID
HE HAD JUST HEARD NEWS REPORT ON RADIO THAT A BOAT POSSIBLY
CONTAINING MEMBERS OF THE NEGOTIATING PARTY CONNECTED WITH
THE KIDNAPPED STUDENTS HAD BEEN TURNED BACK BY ZAIRIAN
COAST GUARD FIRE. IN FRONT OF ME MOBUTU TELEPHONED CHIEF OF
STAFF GENERAL BABIA AND ORDERED COMPLETE STANDDOWN OF ZAIRIAN
FORCES ON LAKE TANGANYIKA FROM 0800 TOMORROW MORNING UNTIL
STUDENTS RELEASED.

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